

Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor", just before the election is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the airwaves free of charge, and is legally obliged to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central", it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.